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DIVISION OF LIBRARIES

MILTON J. FERGOUSON, State Librarian, Chief

NEW ALLEGIANCE.

In 1921 the State Library, which for many years had been governed by its board of trustees, found itself caught in the wave of reorganization, and became a division of the Department of Finance. Quite clearly there was no blood kinship between the two, and on logical grounds there could be little justification for the change. Nor was it of particular financial advantage to the library to be thus closely connected with the budget-making power of the state; on the contrary, being a member of the family did not prevent the severe blow which in 1923 reduced the library fund by one third.

It was inevitable that sooner or later some more reasonable plan for the governance of this activity would be found. Some persons who have been close to the work had hoped that the old scheme of a separate board might be revived. However, for two reasons, presumably, it was decided to place the library under the Board of Education; namely, that the work is educational, in large part, and that the state's machinery might be made slightly less complicated by bringing related functions into departments. The question must still be answered whether the arrangement will work out to the best advantage of the library. Libraries can and do contribute to schools; but if the educational authorities take too narrow a view of the library and bend it too sharply to their needs it thereby loses an opportunity to serve the great adult population out of touch with teachers but still anxious to study and think. Some American states have unquestionably handicapped their library service by placing their libraries too deeply in the shadow of the schools. We confidently expect that California, not accustomed to unthinking following of the precedent of others, will demonstrate her ability to adjust this relationship reasonably and well. As yet the state librarian is appointed by the governor; and the library, though a division of the Department of Education, is upon a basis slightly different from the other divisions.

TEACHERS COLLEGE LIBRARIES.

One of the new duties given the state librarian in consequence of the new alignment is the pleasure of working more closely with the presidents and the librarians of the state teachers colleges. All of these colleges have now been visited. Their libraries have been inspected and a report thereon has been filed with the director of the department. Unfortunately, no library has been discovered which is up to the standard of the "measuring stick." As these schools are looking forward immediately to becoming four-year colleges, it is highly important that their equipment of all sorts be brought up to grade. Surely no item is of greater importance than the library. With few exceptions the quarters provided are inadequate, and book stocks are poor. The presidents and librarians of these colleges seem to be on the alert over this question; and should be permitted to remedy some of the defects, at least, during the next biennium.

LIBRARY FUND.

The budget-making board and the legislature of 1927 brought the library fund up to almost exactly the figure named in 1921, \$302,350. (\$5,000 of this total, however, was appropriated for the use of the National Statuary Hall Commission of which the state librarian is ex officio a member.) Accordingly it has been possible to buy a few more books than in the years immediately preceding, and to add a few badly needed assistants to the staff.

With the final occupancy of the new building—the date of which like the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow keeps its distance however eagerly the seeker presses forward—the library should have a much larger fund for the purchase of books. As has been stated before, a dollar spent for books by the state library means a saving to the state as a whole of many times that amount. The system under which California operates so efficiently presupposes a great and rich collection of books in Sacramento on which all libraries may draw for the use of their patrons. Also it must be known that with additions to the book stocks of a library, additions to the staff to make those books ready for the shelves, and to use them are just as essential.

TRAINING OF LIBRARIANS.

Two years ago we mentioned the need for a shorter course of instruction to prepare younger assistants and aids for the state library and for service in county and public libraries. The need for space for state offices not originally allotted to the new library building was so insistent that a whole floor was otherwise disposed of. For that reason plans may not so confidently now be made to take up this new—and old—duty. The importance of training of this grade remains just as strong as ever. The University of California has strengthened its school, and doubled its capacity—a fact highly significant and gratifying; but no institution is offering adequate training to a sufficient number of young women of high school standing, who could serve libraries well if they could have the advantage of good training. It is true that the San Jose State Teachers College is planning courses which will fit students for assistantships in school and public libraries. Nevertheless the need remains for special help for candidates seeking employment in the state library itself, and in the county libraries.

THE NEW BUILDING.

Two years ago in making the estimate that the new building would be occupied by January 1, 1928, we thought our date was set at the further limits of probability. Progress has been slower than was expected. However, when as this biennium closes, and the decorators are putting on their final touches of gold and of color, it takes no imagination to see that the new home is well worth waiting for. It is conveniently arranged, it has beauty of form and it is substantially constructed. Sculptors and painters have given of their talent to its glorification, the architects have drawn their lines with infinite care, but, fine as are their contributions, the building rests securely or otherwise on the operation of the institution it houses. We who have seen the book and information supplying system of California develop are convinced that stone and steel, paint and plaster and wood must be

magically combined indeed if these inanimate things are to merit equal consideration with the system we know. This combination of book and building ought to be of surpassing worth and significance in the cultural life of California. It is the high ambition of the staff of the State Library to make it so.

STAFF.

Milton J. Ferguson, Librarian.
 Mabel R. Gillis, Assistant Librarian and Head of Books for the Blind Department.
 Herbert V. Clayton, Law and Legislative Reference Librarian.
 Eudora Garoutte, Head of California Department.
 Alice J. Haines, Head of Documents Department.
 Mrs May Dexter Henshall, County Library Organizer.
 Dora M. Himmelsbach, in charge of Periodicals and Binding.
 Wm. H. Lugg, Head of Shipping, Repairs, etc., Department.
 Beulah Mumm, Reference Librarian.
 Ida G. Munson, Head of Catalog Department.
 Myrtle Ruhl, in charge of Order Department.
 Margaret Bennett, Typist (temporary).
 Gladys M. Bowles, Assistant.
 Helen M. Bruner, Assistant, Sutro Branch, San Francisco.
 Sarah Carder, Assistant.
 Ella A. Clark, Indexer.
 Helen Cornell, Assistant.
 Mrs Lenore W. Davidson, Assistant.
 Dorothy Deming, Assistant.
 Margaret Dennison, Assistant, Sutro Branch, San Francisco.
 Mrs Marguerite Walker Duggins, Stenographer.
 Dorothy Earl, Assistant. (On leave of absence.)
 Kate M. Foley, Home Teacher of the Blind, 146 McAllister street, San Francisco.
 Zilla Grant, Assistant.
 Ena Harmon, Assistant.
 Lyndall Harmon, Assistant.
 Dorothy Hill, Assistant.
 Mrs Alicia Manning Hook, Assistant.
 Marion Knotts, Assistant.
 Florence Lamb, Bookkeeper.
 Rachel Look, Assistant.
 Mrs June Vladyka McCaffery, Assistant.
 Anna G. McNamee, Assistant, Sutro Branch, San Francisco.
 D. Florence Montfort, Assistant.
 Catharine J. Morrison, Home Teacher of the Blind, 951 S. Kenmore avenue, Los Angeles.
 Vera Palermo, Assistant.
 Irene E. Ryan, Assistant.
 Irma M. Schoepflin, Assistant.
 Blanche L. Shadle, Assistant.
 Mrs Frances L. Smith, Stenographer.
 Lily M. Tilden, Assistant.
 Mrs Corinne R. Tracy, Assistant.
 Mrs Julia M. Waldron, Assistant.
 Caroline Wenzel, Assistant.
 Mrs Ina Brosseau, Book Repairer.
 Mrs Mae Moore, Book Repairer.
 Mrs Gladys N. Richards, Book Repairer.
 Wm. G. Lyons, Assistant Shipping Clerk.
 Addalbert Morris, Assistant Shipping Clerk.
 Stanley Schlademan, Assistant Shipping Clerk.
 Nancy Anderson, Messenger.
 Newell Davies, Messenger, Sutro Branch, San Francisco.
 John Heinrich, Messenger.
 George J. Miller, Messenger.
 Elyse Schultz, Messenger.

William T. Simmons, Messenger.
Arthur Valine, Messenger.
J. L. Foss, Janitor.
G. A. Klees, Janitor.
Jacob Misfelt, Janitor.
Harry A. Simons, Elevator Operator.

The following persons have been on the staff of the library during the period covered by this report, but are not now in our service:

Beryl Andrews (now Mrs William H. Lugg), Assistant.
Beatrice Beckley, Temporary Typist.
Evelyn L. Cooper, Library Aid.
Emma F. deMerritt, Book Repairer.
C. T. Edwards, Part-time clerk.
Ruth B. Ferguson, Library Aid.
Grace Frost, Temporary Assistant.
Jack K. Hansen, Clerical Aid.
Mrs Mavis M. Harrison, Typist.
Mrs Fanny R. Howley, Assistant.
Mrs Dorothy P. Isaacs, Library Aid.
May Kleeberger, Book Repairer.
Lois Little, Messenger.
Dudley Logan, Temporary Laborer.
Annie Lowry, In Charge Periodicals and Binding.
Adeline Martin (now Mrs Adelbert Foster), Book Repairer.
Ernest Millert, Temporary Clerical Aid.
Mrs Mildred Newton, Book Repairer.
Mrs Marion S. Percival, Temporary Assistant.
Margaret Schilling, Messenger.
Mrs Jeanette Cyr Stern, Assistant.
Katherine Stites, Assistant.
Hibbard Sutherland, Messenger.
Mildred L. Watson, Assistant.

MEETINGS.

Perhaps the most interesting meeting attended this biennium was the fiftieth anniversary of the (British) Library Association held at Edinburgh, September 26–October 1, 1927. The librarian of the California State Library was invited to speak on California library service at one of the general sessions and attended the conference as a guest of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He left Sacramento August 3 and returned October 31, the extra time being spent in European travel.

Mr Ferguson also attended the American Library Association meetings at Atlantic City in October, 1926, and at Toronto in June, 1927. At Atlantic City he read a paper at one of the general sessions, and at Toronto he appeared at three section meetings. On the way to Atlantic City stops were made in Louisiana to inspect the work being done by the Louisiana Library Commission under his direction and at Atlanta, Georgia, and Washington, D. C. In April, 1927, he also visited Louisiana on the occasion of the meeting of the Louisiana Library Association at Alexandria, and made another hasty inspection trip in April, 1928.

Preceding the American Library Association meeting at Toronto Mr Ferguson attended the joint meeting of the California Library Association and the Pacific Northwest Library Association at Gearhart, Oregon. This was the first joint meeting of these two Pacific Coast library associations and was attended by about a hundred Cali-

fornians. Miss Gillis and Miss Haines of the State Library were among those who went to this meeting.

At the California Library Association meeting at Riverside in April, 1928, the librarian, assistant librarian, Miss Bruner, Miss Haines, and Mrs Henshall represented the library. District library meetings during the biennium have usually had some representative from the State Library and many talks have been made at such meetings as well as at various clubs, schools and before other organizations.

VISITORS.

During this biennium we have had an unusual number of interesting visitors from foreign countries. This was due largely to the fact that so many foreign librarians attended the fiftieth anniversary meeting of the American Library Association in 1927 and took advantage of that fact to come on especially to see the work of California libraries—indeed some were explicitly sent to the coast for that purpose. Among the English librarians, whom it has been our great pleasure to meet, are three county librarians: Miss A. S. Cook, librarian of Kent County Library; Captain Richard Wright, librarian of Middlesex County Library, and Miss K. E. Overbury, librarian of West Riding, Yorkshire; also Mr. Henry Guppy, librarian of the John Rylands Library, Manchester, and then president of the British Library Association; and Dr. E. E. Lowe, Director of the Museum and Libraries, Lancaster. Visitors from other countries included Sigurgeir Fridriksson, who holds the distinction of being the only trained librarian in Iceland; Tetsuji Ono, professor and librarian at Wakayama Higher Commercial School and lecturer at Kyoto and Taihoku Imperial Universities, who was being sent by his government on a trip around the world inspecting schools and libraries, and Miss Elin Kardell, librarian of the Jemtland Bibliothek, Östersund, Sweden. Miss Kardell was on a year's leave of absence and attended the lectures at the School of Librarianship, University of California, as well as visited many libraries.

The visits of these librarians from other countries have given us much interesting information, many pleasant friendships and surely inspiration for our own work.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND DEPARTMENT.

No new activities have been attempted by the department but every effort is made to serve blind readers as well as possible with the books available. The growing use of radios has brought much enjoyment to the blind and has tended toward lessening the use of reading matter or has caused readers to keep books longer than usual. This accounts in some measure for the fact that circulation figures have not increased materially.

Mrs Fanny Reynolds Howley of Seattle completed her six months work in our Books for the Blind Department in October and returned to the Seattle Public Library. Miss Irma Schoepflin was appointed to fill her place. Miss Schoepflin had had library experience in Buffalo and Seattle.

We are indebted to many organizations and individuals for fine gifts. The Lions Clubs of many cities have paid for the embossing of books, a copy of each of which has been placed in the State Library.

We are still receiving hand-copied books from the Women Volunteers of Oakland, the American Red Cross and several faithful individual copyists.

Books, etc. added-----	3,415
Books lost, discarded, etc.-----	145
Total books, etc.-----	22,187
Borrowers added-----	373
Borrowers lost by death-----	77
Total borrowers-----	2,731
Circulation -----	69,038

Home Teaching Statistics July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1928

Pupils graduated -----	156
Still carried -----	113
Total number of lessons given-----	5,468
Hours of correspondence and preparing of lessons	2,250
Visits and calls paid in interest of the work-----	1,018
Visits received in interest of the work-----	215
Clubs, organizations, etc., addressed-----	27

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT.

The California Department has received some notable gifts this last two years. Among these are the Benton collection, the gift of Elizabeth S. Benton. Dr. J. A. Benton was a pioneer of 1849, a noted Congregational minister, and a man of wide culture. The collection consists of diaries, sermons, addresses, letters, pictures, pamphlets, et cetera. This collection is rare and is especially interesting to students of Sacramento history as Dr. Benton was the first Congregational minister in Sacramento.

The Reading collection. Miss Alice M. Reading has placed in the California Department as a memorial to her father, Pearson B. Reading, a pioneer of 1843, a very valuable historical collection of letters and documents pertaining to the conquest of California and a diary of his trip across the plains. As Major Reading was paymaster during the Mexican War his records are very valuable.

The Marsh collection. Dr. John Marsh who arrived in 1835 was a notable figure prior to the American occupation. The collection consists principally of letters received by him from other early pioneers such as John A. Sutter, Charles Weber, Thomas O. Larkin and others. It came to the library through his daughter, Mrs. Alice Marsh Cameron, and his granddaughter, Miss Amy Cameron.

Several valuable files of newspapers have been acquired since our last report. Among these are files of early Napa County papers presented by the Napa County Free Library. The index to our newspaper files attracts many patrons to the department from distant cities as well as those of California.

Through the courtesy of Mrs E. H. Yardley we have been able to add many cards to our vital statistics file. From records in her possession we have now a fairly complete list of all deaths occurring in Sacramento from 1849 to 1884. These cards added to those previously acquired from San Francisco bring the total up to about 30,000. A diary of a trip across the plains in 1850 contained records of nearly five hundred who were buried on the plains. Cards were made from this and added to our vital statistics file.

These various indices are a great assistance to us in answering the many questions that come to the California Department.

CATALOG DEPARTMENT.

Number of books cataloged-----	9,668
Number of cards added to catalogs-----	67,457
Continuations added -----	3,449
Cards filed in Union Catalog-----	186,446
Cards received for Union Catalog-----	216,572

DOCUMENTS DEPARTMENT.

The department has received, entered and filed 51,396 government publications, and has distributed to libraries 24,110 California state publications. Public Affairs Information Service Bulletin and other lists have been checked regularly, documents material requested and much valuable material has been received.

Research and reference work has included a great many interesting subjects.

Although the moving of the department into the new building was not completed until late July, much material was moved in June. The long British sets which had been stored since 1920 were placed in the stack, as was the collection of state publications from storage. It is indeed a great satisfaction to have these available again. Reading the shelves is next in order and will take many weeks.

LAW AND LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The department has done some big indexing jobs this last biennium. The first one was the index for the compilation of Laws of Interest to Women and Children issued by the Bureau of Children's Aid of the State Board of Control and the Department of Public Welfare. Copy for this had been prepared during the previous biennium but it was proof read and the index prepared and proof read after July 1, 1926.

The side-noting and indexing of the 1927 Statutes was an unusually long piece of work, the volume running to 2525 pages and several reorganization measures making many subject matter changes that had to be carefully watched.

Immediately after the completion of our part of the work on the Statutes, we began on an Index to the School Laws of California, the compilation itself having been made by the Department of Education. This, too, was a task of much importance as our Law Department staff, though skilled in indexing, was not so well acquainted with the details of procedure regarding schools and had to give this minute study so that the index might be correct and useful.

A card index of recent California cases—supplemental to Shepard—has been started and is being kept up to date. Additional information is entered as the advance sheets of California decisions and Pacific Reporter and the bound volumes of the official California Reports and California Appeals Reports are received.

Copy for the California information in the Statesman's Yearbook was revised each year as usual, our Handbook of Information for the use of members of the legislature issued and several bibliographies prepared.

PERIODICALS DEPARTMENT.

We are now receiving 1260 magazines and 183 newspapers—85 daily and 98 weekly.

Newspapers which have not been bound before are now being bound in tag board in our own repair department. Our newspapers are now being unfolded and spread flat daily instead of being filed folded as previously. We hope that this will have very beneficial effects in their preservation.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

45,766 author requests looked up.
15,734 subject requests looked up.
24,425 shipments sent out.
95,846 books lent.
1,610 pictures lent.
59,557 request slips stamped, marked and mailed.
26,177 receipt postals typed.

An increase of about 10,000 in circulation of books and pictures over the last biennium shows that the library is proving its worth throughout the state. With the added facilities to be provided by the new building there will undoubtedly be a much larger increase during the next two years.

SUTRO BRANCH.

At Sutro Branch work on cataloging the original Sutro collection is progressing. The books in the French literature class are almost finished. As soon as they are done the books on travel and history will be begun as there is so much demand for them. There has been a wide use of the genealogical books and the interest in them seems to be increasing.

ORGANIZING DEPARTMENT.

Three new county libraries were organized during the last biennium. Two of these were counties which contracted with other counties for service under section 5 of the county free library law. These two were Sierra County which contracted with Plumas County, and Mariposa County with Merced County. This is the first time the law has been used in this way and we feel confident that other small counties will follow these two which have taken advantage of their proximity to an established county library in a stronger county to secure library service. The third county to establish a county library during the biennium is Marin. This library was established August 3, 1926, and is by this time in a very flourishing condition. With the establishment of these three counties there are now only twelve counties of the state which still lack county library service.

The county library organizer has visited thirty county library headquarters during the last two years and also many of the county library branches and city libraries as well. She has given information either by correspondence or by personal visit to all of the twelve counties without county libraries. These are the following: Alpine, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Lake, Mendocino, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Shasta, Sonoma and Yuba.

The library organizer conducts the following activities in line with her organizing work: She prepares monthly articles for the Library News Department of the Western Journal of Education. She gives lectures on library law to the students in the School of Librarianship, University of California. She gives frequent talks at various organizations interested in school service from county libraries as well as general service. During the past year she acted as state chairman for the American Library Association Publicity Committee and in this way helped the county librarians to secure publicity to a greater extent in many cases than they had hitherto had it. Articles were prepared for many publications. Two during the last two years were for the School Library Year Book of the American Library Association, and the California Exchange Bulletin in Rural Education.

Statistics of County Free Libraries, as of July 1, 1928

County	Librarian	Established	Income 1927-28 ¹	Books, etc.	Branches	Total active school dists. in county ²	Active school dists. that have joined
Alameda	Mary Barmby	Sept. 26, 1910	\$56,235 00	151,714	94	53	37
Amador	Bertha S. Taylor	June 2, 1919	5,809 45	21,085	41	32	27
Butte	Carmelita Duff	Sept. 3, 1913	16,494 64	73,883	88	64	56
Colusa	Mrs Ella P. Morse	June 8, 1915	11,646 88	a,55,623	49	32	29
Contra Costa	Mrs Alice G. Whitbeck	July 21, 1913	64,646 61	187,045	110	63	57
Fresno	Sarah E. McCardle	Mar. 12, 1910	149,987 27	443,550	250	171	156
Glenn	Mrs Faye K. Russell	April 8, 1914	18,605 68	58,767	55	42	38
Humboldt	Ida M. Reagan	May 12, 1914	27,316 89	104,411	152	108	100
Imperial	Evalyn Boman	Feb. 6, 1912	15,553 76	85,857	81	56	50
Inyo	Anne Margrave	Sept. 15, 1913	9,720 83	31,699	42	31	29
Kern	Mrs Julia G. Babcock	Nov. 16, 1910	93,829 55	273,137	183	103	101
Kings	Marion L. Gregory	June 4, 1912	26,217 86	128,254	57	42	38
Lassen	Lenala A. Martin	Sept. 7, 1915	13,836 75	50,797	64	37	35
Los Angeles	Helen E. Vogleson	Sept. 5, 1912	262,049 06	550,732	321	152	111
Madera	Blanche Galloway	May 3, 1910	26,465 22	93,371	72	51	49
Marin	Muriel Wright	Aug. 3, 1926	11,181 87	5,300	47	48	33
Mariposa	Minette L. Stoddard	Oct. 4, 1926	4,221 98	3,309	34	27	26
Merced	Minette L. Stoddard	June 6, 1910	37,880 35	136,230	86	71	62
Modoc	Anna L. Williams	July 8, 1915	4,520 74	17,410	35	43	29
Monterey	Anne Hadden	Aug. 6, 1912	24,434 05	92,938	119	99	89
Napa	Estella DeFord	Feb. 9, 1916	11,869 38	31,579	77	50	45
Orange	Margaret Livingston	Dec. 9, 1919	28,427 87	96,059	64	56	37
Plumas	Edith Gantt	Sept. 7, 1915	10,896 26	42,712	80	29	29
Riverside	Chas. F. Woods	Nov. 8, 1911	17,166 82	-----	85	78	41
Sacramento	Cornelia D. Provinces	Oct. 1, 1908	42,951 87	97,494	113	83	69
San Benito	Florence J. Wheaton	Feb. 4, 1918	10,760 02	41,520	77	36	36
San Bernardino	Caroline S. Waters	July 14, 1913	42,367 16	116,410	135	74	63
San Diego	Eleanor Hitt	April 5, 1912	43,432 37	107,172	151	117	105
San Francisco ³	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
San Joaquin	Ida E. Condit	Mar. 7, 1910	31,275 16	-----	141	93	78
San Luis Obispo	Lilian Sabin	July 6, 1915	16,930 80	51,217	95	92	82
San Mateo	Edna Holroyd	Sept. 5, 1912	23,136 00	156,076	46	40	29
Santa Barbara	Mrs Frances B. Linn	Feb. 16, 1910	27,974 36	-----	101	67	62
Santa Clara	Mrs Elizabeth Singletary	July 20, 1912	34,636 82	138,210	93	85	74
Santa Cruz	Minerva H. Waterman	Oct. 13, 1916	9,377 19	-----	87	54	52
Sierra	Edith Gantt	Aug. 2, 1926	2,198 75	699	20	11	7
Siskiyou	Mary W. Harris	June 7, 1915	18,462 58	83,443	150	87	84
Solano	Clara B. Dills	April 6, 1914	26,301 65	93,422	64	52	44
Stanislaus	Bessie B. Silverthorn	Aug. 14, 1911	30,335 95	104,350	71	68	46
Sutter	Frances M. Burkett	May 9, 1917	16,283 37	50,521	45	36	36
Tehama	Anne Bell Bailey	Aug. 8, 1916	10,964 51	48,333	74	53	50
Trinity	Mrs Lila D. Adams	Sept. 8, 1916	4,885 47	20,754	53	26	25
Tulare	Gretchen Flower	June 10, 1910	54,588 05	151,408	146	131	97
Tuolumne	Mrs Helen R. Dambacher	July 3, 1917	8,646 21	a,28,693	55	28	24
Ventura	Elizabeth R. Topping	April 9, 1915	43,381 91	107,043	99	57	54
Yolo	Nancy C. Laugenour	July 12, 1910	27,689 24	114,458	71	47	43
46	-----	Oct. 1, 1908, to Oct. 4, 1926	\$1,475,594 21	a,4,286,685	4,173	2,375	2,464

¹ The income as given does not include balance in fund, July 1, 1927.² Includes elementary and high.³ San Francisco city and county are coterminous. The city library therefore covers the entire county.

TO MY ASSOCIATES.

In times past it has been my pleasure to record a debt of gratitude to my associates, those who work with me in the State Library and the Sutro Branch, and also those who from end to end of California make our system what it is. It seems impossible to me that anywhere in the world and in any human pursuit could a staff move by finer ambitions, readier to serve the public, and more loyal to their chief be found. The public, county and college librarians of the state have all evinced a spirit of friendship, both professional and personal, which makes association with them in the library field a joy undefiled. On the eve of departure for temporary service in a distant field it is a great satisfaction to record my thanks to my friends the librarians of California, in the narrower circle within the shadow of the dome, in the broader reaches of a land reaching a thousand miles along the sea.

Statement of Income and Expenditures of the State Library for the Period July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1928, of the
Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth Fiscal Years

Function	Seventy-eighth fiscal year	Seventy-ninth fiscal year	Total
INCOME			
Appropriated, Chapter 30, 1925.....	\$126,745 00	-----	\$126,745 00
Appropriated, Chapter 142, 1927.....	-----	\$151,175 00	151,175 00
Totals.....	\$126,745 00	\$151,175 00	\$277,920 00
EXPENDITURES			
Administrative.....	\$22,347 85	\$23,807 37	\$46,155 22
General.....	67,137 08	74,644 23	141,781 31
Blind.....	10,375 47	10,334 22	20,709 69
Catalog.....	9,038 97	10,699 61	19,738 58
Documents.....	4,848 33	5,340 00	10,188 33
Law and legislative reference.....	9,816 78	10,021 94	19,838 72
Sutro Branch.....	4,853 04	5,042 57	9,895 61
Prior year expenditures.....	14 15	-----	14 15
Totals.....	\$128,431 67	\$139,889 94	\$268,321 61
Excess income over expenditures.....	-----	-----	\$9,598 39
Balance State Library fund, July 1, 1926.....	-----	-----	20,287 13
Totals.....	-----	-----	\$29,885 52
Transferred to general fund, Chapter 788, 1927 Stats.....	-----	-----	19,100 46
Unused balance July 1, 1928.....	-----	-----	*\$10,785 06

* Includes \$4,802.90 for National Statuary Hall Commission.

Statement of Expenditures of the State Library for the Period July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1927, of the Seventy-eighth Fiscal Year

Function	Materials and supplies	Salaries and wages	Service and expense	Property and equipment	Total
ADMINISTRATIVE					
State Librarian.....		\$5,000 00	\$1,214 07		\$6,214 07
Assistant State Librarian (partial).....		3,000 00	136 51		3,136 51
Board of Library Examiners.....			90 85		90 85
Clerical and office.....	\$657 27	5,006 95	203 61		5,867 83
Cuts.....				\$72 91	72 91
Equipment.....	127 29		162 14	519 61	809 04
Exhibits and publicity.....	11 49		65 00	28 22	104 71
Organization.....		2,139 84	368 38		2,508 22
News notes Californialibraries.....	2,803 90				2,803 90
Photographic.....	30 16				30 16
Printing.....	709 65				709 65
Totals.....	\$4,339 76	\$15,146 79	\$2,240 56	\$620 74	\$22,347 85
GENERAL					
Assistants.....		\$26,108 57			\$26,108 57
Seasonal employees.....		284 85			284 85
Books.....				\$12,658 34	12,658 34
Continuations and subscriptions.....				5,951 81	5,951 81
Maps.....				24 60	24 60
Prints.....				1,508 09	1,508 09
Relics.....				6 00	6 00
Binding.....				4,200 55	4,200 55
Autos.....	\$371 06		\$122 42	167 26	660 74
Freight, cartage and express.....			517 37		517 37
General repair.....	14 33				14 33
Janitors.....	175 49	2,593 55	77 00		2,846 04
Postage.....			1,728 30		1,728 30
Shipment and book repair.....	1,369 68	8,734 82			10,104 50
Telephone and telegraph.....			522 99		522 99
Totals.....	\$1,930 56	\$37,721 79	\$2,968 08	\$24,516 65	\$67,137 08
BLIND					
Assistant State Librarian (partial).....		\$600 00			\$600 00
Assistants.....		3,504 20			3,504 20
Home teachers.....		3,300 00	\$605 44		3,905 44
Books, etc.....				\$2,265 78	2,265 78
Printing.....	\$100 05				100 05
Totals.....	\$100 05	\$7,404 20	\$605 44	\$2,265 78	\$10,375 47
CATALOG					
Assistants.....		\$8,079 88			\$8,079 88
Cards and guides.....				\$959 09	959 09
Totals.....		\$8,079 88		\$959 09	\$9,038 97
DOCUMENTS					
Assistants.....		\$4,848 33			\$4,848 33
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE					
Assistants.....		\$4,154 70			\$4,154 70
Binding.....				\$761 75	761 75
Books.....				2,177 33	2,177 33
Continuations and subscriptions.....				2,723 00	2,723 00
Totals.....		\$4,154 70		\$5,662 08	\$9,816 78
SUTRO BRANCH					
Assistants.....		\$4,676 79			\$4,676 79
Extra employees.....		165 50			165 50
Cleaning.....			\$10 75		10 75
Totals.....		\$4,842 29	\$10 75		\$4,853 04
PRIOR YEAR EXPENDITURES					
Administrative, equipment.....	\$12 31				\$12 31
General autos.....	1 84				1 84
Total.....	\$14 15				\$14 15
Grand totals.....	\$6,384 52	\$82,197 98	\$5,824 83	\$34,024 34	\$128,431 67

Statement of Expenditures of the State Library for the Period July 1, 1927, to June 30, 1928, of the Seventy-ninth Fiscal Year

Function	Materials and supplies	Salaries and wages	Service and expense	Property and equipment	Total	Grand total 78th and 79th fiscal years
ADMINISTRATIVE						
State Librarian.....		\$5,000 00	\$437 85		\$5,437 85	\$11,651 92
Assistant State Librarian (partial).....		3,000 00	218 21		3,218 21	6,354 72
Board of Library Examiners.....			46 80		46 80	137 65
Clerical and office.....	\$647 71	5,555 81	209 63		6,413 15	12,280 98
Cuts.....						72 91
Equipment.....	79 40		220 95	\$2,769 78	3,070 13	3,879 17
Exhibits and publicity.....	14 21		138 00		152 21	256 92
Organization.....		1,843 00	341 64		2,184 64	4,692 86
News notes California libraries.....	2,553 90				2,553 90	5,357 80
Photographic.....	21 08				21 08	51 24
Printing.....	709 40				709 40	1,419 05
Totals.....	\$4,025 70	\$15,398 81	\$1,613 08	\$2,769 78	\$23,807 37	\$46,155 22
GENERAL						
Assistants.....		\$27,915 51	\$137 74		\$28,053 25	\$54,161 82
Seasonal employees.....						284 85
Books.....				\$13,386 49	13,386 49	26,044 83
Continuations and subscriptions.....				6,926 64	6,926 64	12,878 45
Maps.....				29 28	29 28	53 88
Prints.....				1,999 48	1,999 48	3,507 57
Relics.....						6 00
Binding.....				4,536 30	4,536 30	8,736 85
Autos.....	\$320 58		113 52	87 12	521 22	1,181 96
Freight, cartage and express.....			482 57		482 57	999 94
General repair.....	8 20				8 20	22 53
Janitors.....	190 19	3,750 00	85 00		4,025 19	6,871 23
National Statuary Hall.....	15 75		181 35		197 10	197 10
Postage.....			3,130 17		3,130 17	4,858 47
Shipping and book repair.....	1,040 13	9,805 76	1 00		10,846 89	20,951 39
Telephone and telegraph.....			501 45		501 45	1,024 44
Totals.....	\$1,574 85	\$41,471 27	\$4,632 80	\$26,965 31	\$74,644 23	\$141,781 31
BLIND						
Assistant State Librarian (partial).....		\$600 00			\$600 00	\$1,200 00
Assistants.....		3,590 00			3,590 00	7,094 20
Home teachers.....		3,360 00	\$709 38		4,069 38	7,974 82
Books, etc.....				\$1,927 69	1,927 69	4,193 47
Printing.....	\$147 15				147 15	247 20
Totals.....	\$147 15	\$7,550 00	\$709 38	\$1,927 69	\$10,334 22	\$20,709 69
CATALOG						
Assistants.....		\$9,637 76			\$9,637 76	\$17,717 64
Cards and guides.....				\$1,061 85	1,061 85	2,020 94
Totals.....		\$9,637 76		\$1,061 85	\$10,699 61	\$19,738 58
DOCUMENTS						
Assistants.....		\$5,340 00			\$5,340 00	\$10,188 33
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE						
Assistants.....		\$4,242 50			\$4,242 50	\$8,397 20
Binding.....				\$639 85	639 85	1,401 60
Books.....				2,032 08	2,032 08	4,209 41
Continuations and subscriptions.....				3,107 51	3,107 51	5,830 51
Totals.....		\$4,242 50		\$5,779 44	\$10,021 94	\$19,838 72
SUTRO BRANCH						
Assistants.....		\$5,042 57			\$5,042 57	\$9,719 36
Extra employees.....						165 50
Cleaning.....						10 75
Totals.....		\$5,042 57			\$5,042 57	\$9,895 61
PRIOR YEAR EXPENDITURES						
Administrative, equipment.....						12 31
General, autos.....						1 84
Total.....						\$14 15
Grand totals.....	\$5,747 70	\$88,682 91	\$6,955 26	\$38,504 07	\$139,889 94	\$268,321 61

Accessions to the State Library July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1928

	Number at last report, June 30, 1926	Added from July 1, 1926 to June 30, 1928						Grand total
		Purchase	Gift	Binding	Exchange	Lost and discarded	Total	
Main library, including	260,903	9,458	*1,992	2,819	†1,003	174	15,098	276,001
Law and Californiana	18,915	2,045	1,363	-----	-----	136	3,272	22,187
Books for the blind-----								94,992
Sutro collection-----								
Totals-----		11,503	3,355	2,819	1,003	310	18,370	393,180
Prints-----		940	2	-----	-----	-----	942	-----
Maps-----		6	10	-----	-----	-----	16	-----

* Includes United States government publications.

† Includes state publications.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY EXAMINERS.

Milton J. Ferguson, State Librarian, Chairman.

Robert Rea, Librarian, San Francisco Public Library, Secretary.

Everett R. Perry, Librarian, Los Angeles Public Library.

Sections 6 and 7 of the county free library law (Chap. 68, Cal. Statutes 1911) read as follows:

SEC. 6. A commission is hereby created to be known as the board of library examiners, consisting of the state librarian, who shall be ex officio chairman of said board, the librarian of the public library of the city and county of San Francisco, and the librarian of the Los Angeles public library.

SEC. 7. Upon the establishment of a county free library, the board of supervisors shall appoint a county librarian, who shall hold office for the term of four years, subject to prior removal for cause, after a hearing by said board. No person shall be eligible to the office of county librarian unless, prior to his appointment, he has received from the board of library examiners a certificate of qualification for the office. At the time of his appointment, the county librarian need not be a resident of the county nor a citizen of the State of California.

Examinations.

Two examinations have been held this biennium: 1. Los Angeles, May 27, and Sacramento, June 8, 1927; 2. Sacramento, May 21, 1928.

Eleven candidates took the examinations and eight passed.

Applications for life certificates in accordance with the regulations adopted June 8, 1926, were considered at the time of the above examinations and 16 life certificates were granted.

Certificate Holders.

Adams, Mrs Lila (Dobell), Ln. Trinity County Free Library, Weaverville.
Anderson, Mrs Rachel (Rhoads), Asst. Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City.
Babcock, Mrs Julia G., Ln. Kern County Free Library, Bakersfield. (Life certificate.)

Bailey, Anne Bell, Ln. Tehama County Free Library, Red Bluff.

Barmby, Mary, Ln. Alameda County Free Library, Oakland. (Life certificate.)

Beardsley, Mrs Arline Davis, Asst. Orange County Free Library, Santa Ana.

Boman, Evalyn, Ln. Imperial County Free Library, El Centro.

Burket, Frances M., Ln. Sutter County Free Library, Yuba City.

Coulter, Mabel, Ln. Lange Library of Education, Berkeley.

Culver, Essae M., Exec. Sec. Louisiana Library Commission, Baton Rouge, La.

Dambacher, Mrs Helen (Rowland), Mrs Gustav Dambacher, Ln. Tuolumne County Free Library, Sonora.

Davis, Edna D., Asst. Humboldt County Free Library, Eureka.

De Ford, Estella, Ln. Napa County Free Library, Napa. (Life certificate.)

- Deming, Dorothy, Asst. State Library, Sacramento.
- Dills, Clara B., Ln. Solano County Free Library, Fairfield. (Life certificate.)
- Duff, Marcella Carmelita, Ln. Butte County Free Library, Oroville.
- Eudey, Mrs Henrietta G., Mrs Fred Eudey, Asst. Amador County Free Library Jackson.
- Ferguson, Milton J., Ln. State Library, Sacramento.
- Flower, Gretchen L., Ln. Tulare County Free Library, Visalia.
- Frink, Ellen B., Asst. Monterey County Free Library, Salinas.
- Galloway, Blanche, Ln. Madera County Free Library, Madera.
- Gantt, Edith, Ln. Plumas County Free Library, Quincy.
- Gibson, Hazel G., Asst. Sacramento County Free Library, Sacramento.
- Greene, Charles S., Ln. Emeritus Free Library, Oakland.
- Greene, Margaret, Asst. Contra Costa County Free Library, Martinez.
- Gregory, Marion L., Ln. Hanford Public Library and Kings County Free Library, Hanford.
- Hadden, Anne, Ln. Monterey County Free Library, Salinas. (Life certificate.)
- Harris, Mary W., Ln. Siskiyou County Free Library, Yreka.
- Herrman, Mrs Jennie (Herrman), Mrs James White Herrman, Asst. San Diego Public Library. (Life certificate.)
- Hitt, Eleanor, Ln. San Diego County Free Library, San Diego.
- Holroyd, Edna S., Ln. San Mateo County Free Library, Redwood City. (Life certificate.)
- Hooker, D. Ashley, Asst. Kern County Free Library, Bakersfield.
- Jackson, Joy Belle, Asst. State Teachers College Library, San Jose.
- Jones, Louise E., Asst. Public Library, Los Angeles.
- Kennedy, Helen T., 2d Asst. Ln. Public Library, Los Angeles.
- Kobler, Marjorie H., Asst. San Diego County Free Library, San Diego.
- Kyle, Eleanore, Ln. San Bernardino Polytechnic High School Library, San Bernardino.
- Laugenour, Nancy C., Ln. Yolo County Free Library, Woodland.
- Linn, Mrs Frances Burns, Ln. Santa Barbara Free Public Library and Santa Barbara County Free Library, Santa Barbara.
- Livingston, Margaret E., Ln. Orange County Free Library, Santa Ana. (Life certificate.)
- McCardle, Sarah E., Ln. Fresno County Free Library, Fresno. (Life certificate.)
- McCright, Edith C., Asst. Los Angeles County Free Library, Los Angeles.
- Margrave, Anne, Ln. Inyo County Free Library, Independence.
- Martin, Lenala A., Ln. Lassen County Free Library, Susanville. (Life certificate.)
- Meredith, Roberta, Asst. Public Library, Seattle, Wn.
- Miller, Mabel V., Asst. High School Library, Huntington Park.
- Morse, Mrs Ella (Packer), Mrs Guy Morse, Ln. Colusa County Free Library, Colusa.
- Morse, Marion, Ln. Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu, T. H.
- Mumm, Beulah, Reference Ln. State Library, Sacramento.
- Parkinson, H. O., Asst. Public Library, New York.
- Perry, Everett R., Ln. Public Library, Los Angeles.
- Provines, Cornelia D., Ln. Sacramento County Free Library, Sacramento. (Life certificate.)
- Rea, Robert, Ln. Public Library, San Francisco.
- Reagan, Ida M., Ln. Humboldt County Free Library, Eureka. (Life certificate.)
- Russell, Mrs Faye (Kneeshaw), Mrs Ralph H. Russell, Ln. Glenn County Free Library, Willows.
- Sabin, Lilian, Ln. San Luis Obispo County Free Library, San Luis Obispo.
- Silverthorn, Bessie B., Ln. McHenry Public Library and Stanislaus County Free Library, Modesto. (Life certificate.)
- Singletery, Mrs Elizabeth (Stevens), Mrs Harry H. Singletery, Ln. Santa Clara County Free Library, San Jose.
- Smith, Susan T., Ln. City Library, Sacramento.
- Stephens, Eleanor S., Asst. Ln. Los Angeles County Free Library, Los Angeles.
- Stoddard, Minette L., Ln. Merced County Free Library, Merced.
- Taylor, Bertha S., Ln. Amador County Free Library, Jackson.
- Topping, Elizabeth R., Ln. Ventura Public Library and Ventura County Free Library, Ventura.
- Vogleson, Helen E., Ln. Los Angeles County Free Library, Los Angeles.

Warren, Althea H., First Asst. Ln. Public Library, Los Angeles.
Waterman, Minerva H., Ln. Santa Cruz Public Library and Santa Cruz County Free Library, Santa Cruz.
Waters, Caroline S., Ln. San Bernardino County Free Library, San Bernardino.
Wheaton, Florence J., Ln. San Benito County Free Library, Hollister.
Whitbeck, Mrs Alice G., Ln. Contra Costa County Free Library, Martinez.
(Life certificate.)
Williams, Anna L., Ln. Modoc County Free Library, Alturas.
Woods, Katherine R., Asst. Orange County Free Library, Santa Ana.
Worden, Mrs Dorothy (Clarke), Asst. Solano County Free Library, Fairfield.
Wright, Muriel, Ln. Marin County Free Library, San Rafael.
Yates, Mrs Bess (Ranton), Mrs John D. Yates, Asst. Public Library, Long Beach.

At Present Out of Library Work.

Dalton, Mrs Blanche (Harris), Mrs John E. Dalton.
Dyer, Mrs Flo (Gantz), Mrs Maurice Foster Dyer.
Gleason, Celia. (Life certificate.)
Hatfield, Mrs Margaret (Smith), Mrs John Glover Hatfield.
Heffner, Mrs Martha June (Coleman), Mrs. Harold V. Heffner.
Helm, Mrs Frances (Stockbrand), Mrs Herbert G. Helm.
Huntington, Stella. (Life certificate.)
McDonald, Mrs Ora Regnart, Mrs Charles E. McDonald.
Price, Mrs Melba (Burden), Mrs Louis B. Price.
Wheeler, Mrs Blanche (Chalfant), Mrs De Forest N. Wheeler.

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